

September 2011 Overview
Inyo Backcountry Trail Crew
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With words it is impossible to describe the experience of this season. Our journey took us from the anticipation of wondering if we'd even have a season through the toil and trouble to love and magic. Although we all came for different reasons, we all leave with the same lessons learned. The value of hard work. Not just on the trails but the work it takes to create a positive intentional community. Every individual is required to buy in fully to the program. Even with the light at the end of the tunnel in view this month, we stayed focused as a crew and finished with a united community full of laughter and miles of beautiful trail. We didn't get complacent and always strived for nothing less than the best in everything that we did. We left as changed individuals and that will remain with us. The challenge is to carry on to our next adventures and continue to learn, grow, and always give back.

Work Production

Season Work Totals

- Trail Maintenance: 23.7 Miles
- Retainer Bars: 114 Each
- Waterbars: 18 Each
- Rehab: 817 Linear Yards
- Rip-Rap: 56 Linear Yards
- Causeway: 142 Linear Yards
- Multi-Tier Wall: 132.5 Square Feet

Curriculum/Evening Activities

While savoring some of the last moments together we finished reading The Last Season and ended with the classic USFS 1919, the Ranger, the Cook, and the Hole in the Sky. We shared our life stories, had a Sunday afternoon river party, and an epic talent show. High stakes games of cribbage have also been a nightly ritual. Finally a Cabbage Eating Contest, you had to be there.

Weekend Adventures

We took full advantage of our last weekends in the backcountry heading on 40+ mile loops for Labor Day toward Red Slate Mountain and some cross country exploring toward the San Joaquin River. While on the way to Camp Mather we soaked our bodies in the hot springs in Mammoth and checked out the White Mountains.

We Appreciate You

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